(d) if so, by when the work is likely to start on all the three bridges; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) Yes Sir, only in respect of Tadali and Bisapur Railway crossings.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise, at this stage.

(e) The State Government is at present formulting schemes for the two works jointly with the Railway. After these proposals are finalised and sponsored by the Sitate Government duly consenting to bear|share the cost, as per rules, the Railway can take further action in the matter.

Retention price to fertilizer plants

1361. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK;

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain units got more retention price that justified in the cases of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Units having low utilisation capacity are not being protected; and

(d) if so, what steps are being proposed to be taken to protect such Units?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (d) Retention prices of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertiliser manufacturing units are fixed on the basis of among others norms of capacity utilisation laid down for ammonia plants and phosphoric acid plants. Fixation of retention prices is preceded by a detailed technical examination of the operating parameters of the manufacturing units. The retention price and subsidy scheme has been structured to prevent as far as possible payment of more subsidy than is justified. Units which do not achieve the normative capacity utilisation level are not compensated. There is no proposal to protect such units as it would amount to encouraging inefficiency.

Capacity utilization by fertilizer plants

1362. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA;

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of units producing fertilizers had not attained fuller utilization of its capacity, during the last three years;

(b) the names thereof and reasons therefor and what is the percentage of Capacity Utilisation in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are monitoring the production of these units, if so, what was the production of each fertilizer during the last two years, yearwise; and

(d) what are the norms on which subsidy is being given and who 'certifies these norms?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The names of the fertilizer plants, their production and capacity utilisation during the last three years, yearwise are given in the attached statement *(See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 57) Low capacity utilisation is mainly due to design deficiencies, frequent equipment break downs, power problems, industrial